THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) Yes, Sir. The Ministry extends 100 percent financial assistance for setting up and running of Education complexes for tribal girls in identified low literacy districts of the country.

(b) The institutions whose proposals, complete in all respects, were received along with a satisfactory Inspection Report from the District Collector/State Govt. have either been provided with a grant-in-aid or their proposals are under consideration in consultation with the Integrated Finance Division.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The reasons for not providing grants or delays in providing grants are generally:

(I) Non receipt of proposals which are complete in all respect, as per, the guidelines of the scheme;

(II) Non-submission of Inspection Reports on performance of the organization by the State Govt.; and

(III) Enquiries into complaints on the performance of an organization.

These proposals which are complete in all respects and accompanied by a satisfactory performance report are processed expeditiously for the sanction of a grant, subject to the availability of funds under that budget head.

Communities demanding ST status in Assam

1316. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) The names of communities of Assam whose demand for enlisting them as ST is pending;

(b) The names of those which fulfilled all the required criteria for such scheduling and target set for a final decision; and

(c) The details of the proposal to create Bodo Territorial Council by amendment of Sixth Schedule of the Consitution, future status of other tribes and communities in the Council areas?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) and (b) 112 communities have represented for their inclusion in the list of Scheduled Tribes of Assam. As per the approved modalities, so far the Lalungs of the autonomous hill districts, and the Dimasa, Hajong, Singhpho, Khampti and garo communties in the plains have become eligible for inclusion in the List of STs. The proposal to change to nomenclature of the Mikir community to Karbi has also been finalished. There is a proposal to include the above communities in the ST list of Assam through an Act of Parliament. In respect of other communities the process of consultation with expert agencies is not yet complete.

(c) The representatives of the Central Government, the Government of Assam and the Bodo community Tiger are currently discussion this issue.

Clearance of projects of Government of Karnataka

1317. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Karnataka has sent two projects for approval of Government aimed at improving the condition of major slums in certain towns and cities, including Bangalore city; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the present status of the projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, the Government of Karnataka has submitted the following two project proposals to the Government of India for seeking financial assistance from Japan Bank of International Cooperation (JBIC);

(i) Slum Upgradation and Development Programme for 21 class-I cities in Karnataka at an estimated cost of Rs. 753.27 crores.

(ii) Integrated Slum Development Project for Bangalore city at an estimated cost of Rs. 508.88 crores.

These project proposals were examined by the Government of India and supported in principle but could not be included in the list of projects posed to the Government of Japan for 2002-03 package considering the limited likely availability of funds and other competing projects.